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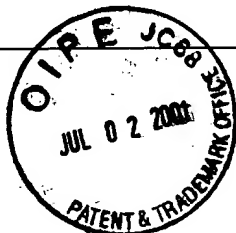
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SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant wishes to call the Examiner's attention to a co-pending case, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/837,102, filed April 18, 2001. A copy of the specification of the related case is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided, with the exception of Japanese patent no. 2715/1993 dated January 19, 1993. This document was previously submitted, on August 30, 2000, but was listed on the 1449 as 2815/1993 in error.

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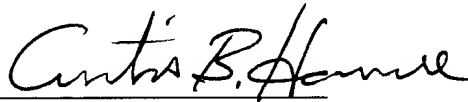
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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